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SUBJ: GOL: MINISTER MART RUMORED MOVING TO E.C. AGENCY

1. VARIOUS CONTACTS CONVEYED TO ECON OFFICER AS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN RUMORS OF IMPENDING DEPARTURE OF ECONOMICS MINISTER MARCEL MART TO BECOME A COMMISSIONER IN EUROCOMPTE. THIS IS A NEW E.C. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE SEEMINGLY ON THE ORDER OF THE U.S. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, WHICH WILL HAVE NINE NATIONAL COMMISSIONERS AND BE LOCATED IN LUXEMBOURG IN KEEPING WITH ITS ROLE AS E.C. FINICIAL CENTER. THE SLOT MUST BE FILLED BEFORE SUMMER, AND MART'S DECISION SOULD BE KNOWN WITHIN SIX WEEKS. THE MINISTER OPENED THE LUXEMBOURG INTERNATIONAL FAIR LAST SATURDAY BUT GAVE NO INDICATION OF HIS PLANS IN HIS SPEECH. NONETHELESS, THERE WERE SEVERAL COMMENTS ABOUT THIS "FAREWELL ADDRESS."

2. MART HAS BEEN EXPECTED O RESIGN FOR SOME TIME AND LAST FALL HE REFERRED TO THIS POSSIBILITY "FOR HEALTH REASONS" (BELIEVED TO BE A HEART ATTACK) SPRING 1977 WAS THE ASSUMED TIMETABLE, BY WHICH TIME IT WAS THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE SEEN THROUGH THE REMERSCHEN NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT (FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN THE STORNGEST ADVOCATE).
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THIS NOW SEEMS STALLED EVEN FURTHER AND THE COMMISSIONER POST WILL NOT WAIT. MART HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST DYNAMIC AND OUTSPOKEN MEMBERS OF THE LIBERAL PARTY AND THE COALITION CABINET. NO SERIOUS RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING ABOUT HIS LIKELY SUCCESSOR. MINISTER JEAN HAMILIUS (AGURICULTURE) AND DEORGE ALS, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL OFFICE AND AN ECONOMIST, HAVE BEEN MENTIONED.

A MORE INTIGUING RUMOR IS THAT PRIME/FOREIGN MINISTER
THORN WILL ASSUME THIS ADDITIONAL PORTFOLIO. IF SO,
IT WOULD AT LEAST AVOID A CABINET RE-SHUFFLE. GINN

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